

At Dedication Service

Gulfshore Is 'Instrument' For State, Says Sullivan

By Tim Nicholas

Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian was dedicated, Friday, May 5, nearly nine years after its destruction by Hurricane Camille in 1969, and only two days after more than 10 inches of rain fell on the assembly grounds.

Most of the water had been pumped off the property in time for services which drew 500 persons to hear James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, give the dedicatory address.

This was Sullivan's second dedicatory address for Gulfshore, state assembly for Mississippi Baptists. The first was at the first opening of Gulfshore in 1960.

During the services, Friday evening, Mrs. Chester Quarles, widow of the former convention board executive secretary-treasurer, was given a scroll, naming the administration building of the assembly, the Chester L. Quarles Building.

The scroll said in part: "It is largely to Chester Quarles that we owe the existence of this assembly. His vision, his courage, and his optimism helped to make the idea a reality."

In this address, Sullivan said that Gulfshore "stands as a memorial to people who had dreams. The building declares their concept of a great God."



Sullivan

Sullivan made reference to the biblical building of the temple in II Chronicles, where Solomon said, "Behold I build a house to the name of the living God . . . behold the house I build is great, for great is our God."

Said Sullivan, "We should never do little things in His name, for He is not a little God. He deserves our best."

The building tells the world we do worship a great God and we're here to stay, said Sullivan.

He said that if Gulfshore stands only as a monument, "it's tragic." The assembly should stand also as a place of fellowship, meeting a personal need, he said. "It's a sharing process to show you the way to victory."

And Sullivan referred to Gulfshore as an instrument. He compared

Gulfshore to a pair of pliers. "Pliers need a mechanic; you are the mechanic. God has given you the most useful tool."

During the service led by Earl Kelly, after prelude music by the Mississippi Churchmen Handbells, and an opening prayer by Estus Mason, pastor of First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, a group of men told "The Story of Gulfshore."

W. Douglas Hudgins, former executive secretary of the Convention Board and former pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, told of its beginnings. Beverly Tinnin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Meridian, told of the hurricane dilemma. David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, told of the restoration financing. And Brooks Wester, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, told about the restoration.

Hudgins recalled the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board which looked over the property that was to become Gulfshore. He said the former Merchant Marine Cadet Basic School was in disrepair, "all of it looking like it had been forgotten not only by the government, but the Lord himself."

Hudgins recalled another nearly coincidental tidbit of history. He said that Baker James Cauthen, Foreign Mission Board chief executive, was the last speaker at Gulfshore before Camille hit. He spoke at the Bible Conference which concluded just two days before. When time came for rebuilding, Hudgins said, "The first check for restoration was for \$100 from Baker Cauthen."

Also at the dedication service, the Mississippi Singing Churchmen pro-



Top photo: Mrs. Chester Quarles registers shock when told by Earl Kelly that the administration building at Gulfshore was to be named after her late husband. In second picture, her delight shows as Mrs. Brooks Wester pins on a corsage.

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Development To Begin Again

Convention Board Gives Nod To Central Hills

Authorization to begin moving again in the development of Central Hills Baptist Retreat at Kosciusko and the naming of the administration building of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly the Chester L. Quarles Building were actions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board last Friday at Gulfshore.

The board met on the day of the dedication of the new facility in one of the large conference rooms of the auditorium.

A halt was called to Central Hills development about a year ago as Cooperative Program giving began to fall short of budget expectations. Missions gifts this year, however, have stayed well above last year's figures, and the first quarter of this year experienced two record-breaking months.

Board members heard the explanation that \$700,000 that was borrowed for the purpose of beginning development continues to be available, and \$100,000 could be placed into use from Convention Board reserve funds. It was announced that \$850,000 would be available for use as development gets under way again.

Instrumental in Initiation
Quarles, who died while serving as executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was instrumental in initiating an assembly program in Mississippi. He was active in acquiring the original property for Gulfshore Baptist Assembly and in its ministry for its first eight years. He was on a missions trip in Peru when he died of a heart attack. His widow, Mrs. Virginia Quarles, was present at the dedication service to receive a scroll in recognition of the naming of the Chester L. Quarles Administration Building.

In other actions the board increased the mileage allowance for board employees on business trips and board members traveling to meetings, increased the percentage of their salaries retired persons can claim as housing allowances, and adjusted salary levels for secretaries and clerical workers so that all are above the minimum wage level.

Davis Resigns
The board accepted the resignation of Jimmie D. Davis as Baptist Student Union director at Gulf Coast Junior College, asked Louie Farmer Jr. to continue another year past normal retirement age as BSU director at Mississippi Southern University, and authorized the replacement of the heating and air conditioning system for the BSU building at Mississippi State University at a cost of \$17,214.

The Gulfshore Restoration Committee, headed by Hattiesburg Pastor Brooks Wester, was applauded by the board for its work in bringing to a completion the building projects at the assembly grounds. And the members heard Ralph Winders, state director of the Department of Student Work, announce that a contract had been awarded to Ray P. Collins of Cleveland, for the construction of a new Baptist Student center at Delta State University.

Roberts Honored
W. R. Roberts, who retired April 30 after working for Mississippi Baptists in one capacity or another for almost 34 years, was honored and presented a check on behalf of the board by its president, Raymond Lloyd, pastor of First Church, Starkville. The last 20 years of Roberts' service was as annuity secretary for Mississippi. John Blokas, vice-president of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, was pre-

sent to honor Roberts and present him a plaque on behalf of the Annuity Board.

The basic Convention Board mileage allowance figure was increased from 15 cents to 17 cents per mile. The consultants and associates needing to drive 10,000 miles or more each year will receive \$160 per month plus 9 cents per mile instead of the basic figure. This allowance also will pertain to department directors. The allowance for these employees has been \$145 per month and 8 cents per mile. The board members traveling to meetings will get the 17 cent figure. The new allowances will go into effect June 1.

Retired persons have been able to claim 33 1/3 percent of their income for housing. This was increased for tax purposes to 40 percent.

Farmer, the director of the Baptist (Continued on page 3)

"Good News" Group Plans Retreat For Ministers

A retreat for Mississippi Baptist ministers, May 26-27, will focus on "The Power of Preaching."

The retreat, set at Camp Garaywa in Clinton, is sponsored by the Joint Committee of National and Southern Baptists, who are working on a joint black and white evangelistic project in Mississippi. It's a "Good News Mississippi" project.

Featured speakers include John Claypool, pastor of Jackson's Northminster Baptist Church, and Kelly Miller Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill, in Nashville, and assistant dean of Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

The retreat begins at 4 p.m., May 26 with registration, then supper at 5:30.



Smith

Claypool

It concludes after lunch on Saturday, May 27.

Dialogue leaders include black and white Baptists: Hickman Johnson, Carl Savell, Leon Bell, Steve McNeely. (Continued on page 3)

\$750,000 In Pledges

Carter And Wealthy Baptists Give MSC Fiscal Shot In Arm

By Stan Haste

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Jimmy Carter challenged more than 200 prominent Southern Baptist laypeople to seize an "unprecedented" opportunity to support the newly-formed Mission Service Corps as part of the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust effort to evangelize the world.

Mission Service Corps, the Southern Baptist Convention's plan to place 5,000 volunteer missionaries on home and foreign mission fields by 1982 to supplement career missionaries, grew out of a videotape appeal made by Carter last year to the annual SBC meeting in Kansas City.

In an informal address at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, the president told the group of wealthy Southern Baptists that despite the denomination's pattern of consistent

growth, much remains to be done "to carry the good news (about Christ) throughout the world."

Saying that his intention was not to be critical, Carter said, "Our progress has been mediocre at best . . . compared to what we could do if we plumbed the depths of our soul and made a total commitment to fulfill the great commission" of Christ to go into all the world.

Following the president's 40-minute appearance with the group, pledge cards totaling more than \$750,000 were presented to SBC President Jimmy Allen, who along with Owen Cooper, a layman and former SBC president from Yazoo City, Miss., invited the group to Washington.

Earlier in the day, President and Mrs. Carter received the group at an informal reception at the White House,

spending more than an hour with them. Several of those attending expressed satisfaction at the relaxed atmosphere of the occasion. Allen said that when he and Cooper mentioned to the president the possibility of the group's coming to Washington, Carter responded by saying, "I'd like to have the folks over to my house."

At his evening appearance with the group, Carter urged them to become (Continued on page 2)

Texans Say 'Nay'

For the ninth time in 25 years, Texas voters turned down parimutuel betting of horse racing by local county option. With 246 out of 254 counties totaled, there were 707,104 against, and 650,998 in favor. The proposition is only a "straw vote" not binding on the state legislature, but is considered to indicate the direction the legislature will take in its next session. A network newscast credited Texas Baptists with leading the opposition.

SBC Contributions Show Marked Increase

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — National Southern Baptist Convention receipts total \$33,108,261 in Cooperative Program budget contributions and \$68,982,905 in total contributions after the first seven months of the 1977-78 fiscal year.

Contributions are running slightly ahead of what's needed to meet the 1977-78 operating and capital needs budget of \$55.08 million but are only

running at 89.5 percent of the budget when the \$8.32 million Bold Advance challenge goal for unmet missions needs is included.

April's undesignated Cooperative Program receipts were up 10.31 percent over the same period last year and designated gifts were up 35.52 percent. Total contributions, made up of undesignated contributions for world (Continued on page 3)

Gulfshore Building Named For Quarles

By Anne McWilliams

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board voted May 5 to name the main building of Gulfshore Assembly the Chester L. Quarles Building, in honor of the executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, 1950-1968.

During the dedication ceremony at Gulfshore on Friday evening, Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, presented to Mrs. Virginia Quarles a scroll in appreciation of the contributions her late husband made to Gulfshore.

"It is largely to Chester Quarles that we owe the existence of this assembly," the document stated. "It was in his mind that the idea of its creation germinated. His vision, his courage,

and his optimism helped to make the idea a reality."

"I am thrilled," Mrs. Quarles said afterward, "and I know he would have been happy indeed to know that this building was named for him. He believed that an assembly would do Mississippi Baptists more good than any other single thing, perhaps with exception of the colleges. He felt that the assembly would be a powerful force for unifying the churches. As members meet there they enjoy their church work more and want to do it better."

She added, "He talked at home about his wish for an assembly. It was our family prayer concern."

Douglas Hudgins, retired executive secretary of the Convention Board, (Continued on page 5)

On June 6 . . .

Rankin Faces Liquor Vote

(An Editorial)

The sale and use of liquor in Rankin County will come before the voters of that county on June 6. It will be an attempt by the liquor interests to take Rankin County out from under the statewide prohibition of liquor sales.

On eight occasions during the past few years liquor interests have tried to change Rankin County from dry to wet, and they have failed. They never give up in the attempt to force their minority desires on the majority of the people, however, and they will try again next month.

As more affluent residential areas spring up in Rankin County such as Crossgates, Castlewoods, Mill Creek Place, and the several areas at the reservoir, those who are interested in bringing liquor in with them are moving into the county. They knew the county was dry when they moved in, and they moved in anyway. Now they want to force the remainder of the county into accepting what is now an illegal life style that they espouse.

A number of Baptists in Rankin County will vote wet. There is no need to kid ourselves about that. So this is not a Baptists-against-the-world issue. It is a moral issue. There is no escaping the fact that a sagging moral climate accompanies the free flow of liquor.

Even though this is not a Baptists-against-others issue, this is a Baptist publication, and there are enough Baptists in Rankin County who are thinking straight on this issue to keep the county dry. There are enough Baptists in Rankin County and in Mississippi to do anything we want to do. We could kick liquor out of the entire state next year.

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Carter And Wealthy Baptists . . .

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"pioneers in trying to inspire others who look to us for leadership to contribute their own lives and their own wealth . . . to furthering the kingdom of Christ."

The president told his well-to-do audience that "it would be a serious mistake for us to assume that in the financial support of this kind of program that we could rob our existing Cooperative Program (SBC unified budget for world missions) or . . . the effective ministry of our own home churches." He urged them instead "to give above and beyond" the tithe and other normal giving, such as special mission offerings.

Declaring that "no one knows better than I the lethargy of a bureaucracy," the president indirectly urged denominational leaders to give more visibility to Mission Service Corps. Despite the fact that 2,500 persons have already volunteered for the program and 1,300 places for service have been identified, the president said, "the program has not yet been well-explained."

He invited the audience to join him and SBC leaders "to form a close-knit group" and "consider how you, led by the spirit of Christ, can join in this renewal . . . of the entire Southern Baptist Convention, indeed our whole nation, indeed perhaps all Christendom."

Carter again suggested that after leaving office, he and Mrs. Carter are contemplating some form of special volunteer mission service. "I wish in a way . . . that I were free to do more and after my service in my present office . . . I intend to do more," he said.

Referring to the awkwardness of speaking out on such subjects while

serving as president, Carter said: "My ability to exhort others and to provide leadership is quite limited because of a deep belief of all Baptists in the separation of church and state." He said his appearance before the group was as a "private citizen" and as a "fellow Christian who loves my Saviour."

The president's 20-minute speech was delivered in a low-key, extemporaneous fashion.

SBC President Allen told the group that in inviting them to Washington, he and Cooper had called on state Baptist executive secretaries, pastors, and others to recommend names of individuals of means whose commitment to missions was apparent. But he expressed the view that in reality, "the Father (God) got you here."

Allen, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, expressed delight at the total pledged at the event, predicting that by the end of the month it will exceed \$1 million.

Participants were urged to fill out a pledge card indicating how many individual Mission Service Corps volunteers they were willing to support over the next several years.

Cooper, well-known as one of Southern Baptists' lay missions leaders, exhorted the group: "Each of us not only has a going ministry; we have a sending ministry."

Three individuals gave personal tes-

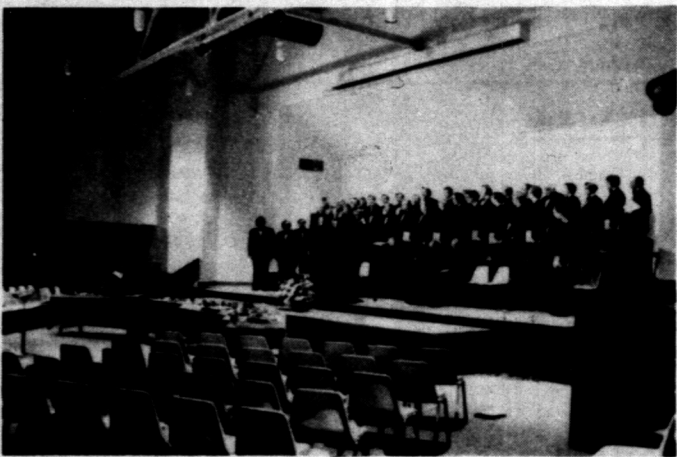
timonies about their involvement in Mission Service Corps. One of them, Mrs. Robert Ayers, a member of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, has pledged \$150,000 over the next five years to support five MSC volunteers. She said that while she had never before wanted to talk about her giving, thinking it was a "private matter between me and the Lord," she had decided to tell of her involvement in the hope it would help others. "I want my participation to be costly," she said.

Two MSC volunteers, Doyle Pennington, a Mississippi businessman already serving in the evangelism division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and James McKinnon, an Albuquerque, N. Mex. insurance executive who will serve in Augsburg, Austria, also gave testimonies about their decisions to give two years of their lives as MSC volunteers.

Besides Allen and Cooper, other prominent SBC leaders who participated on the program of the event were Home Mission Board Executive Director William Tanner and Foreign Mission Board Administrative Associate Rogers M. Smith, representing Baker James Cauthen, executive director.

Special music for the occasion was provided by Russell Newport, a businessman from Springfield, Mo., accompanied by pianist Albin Whitworth, a professor of music at Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky.

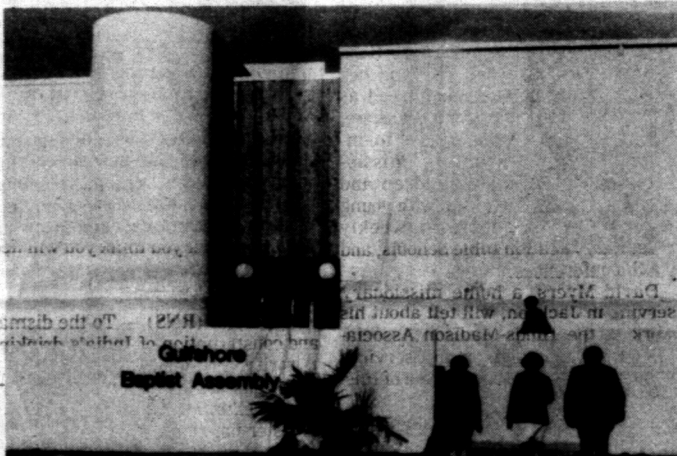
Dedication Scenes At Gulfshore



The Mississippi Singing Churchmen ministered with a selection of songs.

More photos will be in the Baptist Record next week.

The auditorium is on the site of the old gymnasium which burned in 1976.



Georgia Baptists Affirm Trustees

ATLANTA (BP) — The Georgia Baptist Convention Executive Committee meeting in quarterly session, adopted a strong statement reaffirming trustee government of Georgia Baptist schools and refused to require professors to sign articles of faith similar to those Southern Baptist Convention seminary professors must sign.

The executive committee reaffirmed its long standing policy that "convention-elected trustees are the responsible group to make policy for employment of personnel and policy for magnification of state convention adopted objectives of the colleges."

It added: "Baptist principles and polity, it appears, would not support the requirement of the signing of creeds by any person, or statement of Baptist beliefs by non-Baptists." The executive committee was concerned also that to require signing of a statement of beliefs by the professors would "seriously threaten the accreditation of our colleges."

The issue was raised in November 1977 when the Mallory Association presented the Georgia Baptist Convention with a resolution that would require professors in Georgia's Baptist schools to sign statements of belief.

House Passes Lobbying Bill

WASHINGTON (BP) — Lobby disclosure legislation which includes churches has passed the U. S. House of Representatives by a vote of 259-140.

As reported by the Judiciary Committee, the bill would require any organization which engages in lobbying of the U. S. Congress and meets certain requirements of time and money expended, to report such activities to the comptroller general.

Reports would have to include total expenditures for lobbying activities, identity of lobbyists, and a description of the issues on which the organization lobbied. Churches and their agencies are included in the reporting requirements of the bill if they seek to influence legislation and pass the threshold of expenditures set out in the bill.

Amendments added in the final day of debate generally softened the requirements except for a stipulation that reporting organizations would have to report actual lobbying activities performed on the floor or in adjoining rooms of the House or Senate.

Roundaway Memorial Day To Be May 14

Roundaway Church of Sunflower Association will hold its annual Memorial Day service on May 14, beginning at 11 a.m.

The guest speaker will be former pastor Frank Bishop, now serving Greenfield Church in Greenville. Mr. Billy Pierce will lead the singing. Following the morning service there will be dinner on the ground.

Following the dinner, there will be a memorial service and singing. The New Jerusalem Railroad, BSU singing group from Mississippi Delta Jr. College, will provide music for this service.

Wayne E. Fults is pastor.

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Beni Suef, Egypt — Seven deacons were ordained by the Baptist Church of Beni Suef in the midst of a week of spiritual revival led by Southern Baptist missionary Finlay M. Graham, field representative for the Middle East. Ezzat Abraham is pastor of the church. Southern Baptists have no missionary living in Egypt, but missionary J. William Trimble in Lebanon is responsible for work in Egypt and makes frequent trips to visit the congregations there.

Dakar, Senegal — Eight persons accepted Christ and nine rededicated their lives to him during the first Southern Baptist-related revival in this Muslim country, reports Peggy (Mrs. Paul H.) Grossman, Southern Baptist missionary press representative. Dan Greer, pastor of Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C., was evangelist for the meetings sponsored by the Senegal Baptist Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries).

Dyess Is Advisory Committee Chairman

Vance Dyess, director of the Rankin County Metropolitan Library System, has been elected chairman of the Baptist Record advisory committee. The committee is elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Dyess is also interim pastor of Rock Hill Baptist Church in Rankin County.

Gary Holland, editor of the Mississippi Press, daily newspaper of Pascagoula, was elected vice-chairman. Evelyn Keyes of the Baptist Record staff was re-elected secretary.

Van Winkle Invites Teams To Enter Softball Tournament

Van Winkle, Jackson, open invitation youth softball tournament will start May 25 and continue through June 3.

The high school boys' tournament will run along with the high school girls' tournament. Any church team that would like to participate may do so, according to the tournament directors, Harry Lee Staley and Larry Herndon.

A new concession stand will serve hot dogs, drinks, chips, and popcorn. Herndon says, "Please call one of the tournament directors or the

Baguio, Philippines — Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary conducted its 21st commencement exercise for 15 graduates recently in its new chapel in Baguio. Located on the second floor of the new administration building, the chapel provides a much larger facility than the previous one, according to William T. Roberson, Southern Baptist press representative. The old chapel area is being converted into student apartments.

Past MC President's Widow Dies

Services for Mrs. Mary White Nelson, wife of the late D. M. Nelson, past president of Mississippi College, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, at First Baptist Church in Clinton with burial in the Clinton Cemetery.

Mrs. Nelson, 86, a native of Pelahatchie, died early May 8 at Hinds General Hospital.

Survivors include a son, D. M. Nelson, Jr. of Birmingham, Ala., pastor of the Mountain Brook Church; a daughter, Mary White Sweet of Clinton; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

For more than 20 years Mrs. Nelson taught a woman's Sunday school class at the First Baptist Church in Clinton where she was a member. She was a licensed music teacher.

Mississippi College presented her with an honorary degree in Humanities and the Service to Humanities Award. From 1922 to 1942 Mrs. Nelson served on the executive board of the Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi.

The family requested that memorials be made to the Nelson Scholarship Fund at Mississippi College.



A crowd of about 500 well-wishers attended the dedication ceremony.



Visitors lounged in the lounge before the services.

More Baptist Churches Damaged In Georgia

ACWORTH, Ga. (BP) — Two more Baptist churches burned in Georgia in April, bringing to 10 the total number of churches burned since last July 4.

Free Baptist Church in Cobb County burned to the ground. Another church, New Hope Baptist in Acworth, part of the Noonday Southern Baptist Association, escaped with damage to the basement, which had been newly decorated.

Firemen from Bartow and Cobb counties speculated that the two fires, reported within an hour and just a few miles of each other, were set by arsonists.

Last July three rural Baptist churches, one of which was Southern Baptist, burned in White and Hall counties. Another Baptist church near Woodstock, Ga., burned in August.

Obscene words had been scrawled on three of those churches.

Four small eastern Georgia churches with black congregations were destroyed by fire in December. Three white youths were charged with arson in those blazes.

Georgia Baptists recently helped rebuild the black churches in a cooperative effort culminating on Easter Sunday with steeple-raising at the Mulberry Baptist Church in Washington.

New Hope pastor Stanley Wilkins said services for the 250-member white congregation would continue. Sunday worship services on the morning after the fire were held outside, with the congregation asking God's forgiveness to those responsible for the fires.

Committee Now Accepting Nominations For Boards

The Committee on Nominations, Mississippi Baptist Convention, is receiving recommendations for membership on the boards of the several colleges, according to the chairman.

Those on the committee this year are: Eugene Dobbs, chairman, P. O. Box 299, Philadelphia, MS 39350; John Causey, Box 166, Corinth, MS 38834; David Merritt, 8189 Buckingham Drive, Southaven, MS 38671; James Street, First Baptist Church, 219 Second St., NE, Wiggins, MS 39577; and Danny West, P. O. Box 1100, McComb, MS 39648.

Recommendations for such mem-

berships should be supported by detailed information as indicated on personal data forms which may be obtained from the chairman of the Committee on Nominations.

All recommendations should be received by the chairman of the Committee on Nominations not later than 60 days prior to the annual convention. The chairman this year is Eugene Dobbs.

Criteria should include the following factors, Dobbs said.

(1) All nominees for the position of trustee of a Mississippi Baptist college should be members in good standing of a Baptist Church cooperating with the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

(2) All members of Boards of Trustees should be individuals who believe wholeheartedly in the program of Christian higher education as promoted by Mississippi Baptists, and should have demonstrated loyalty to, or support of, the college to be served.

(3) Nominees should be college graduates or persons of demonstrated intellectual attainments, and should have gained recognition as leaders in their professions or occupations.

(4) Final selection should be made so as to include no more than seven or less than four pastors for each college.

(5) Final selections should provide a broad geographical representation on the board of each college.

(6) Final selections should provide a broad spectrum of professional and business capability.

(7) Final selections should be made so as to maintain at all times a substantial number of graduates or former students of the college for which nominations are made.

emphases, the church postponed its Annie Armstrong Offering until April. The goal was set at \$3,500. From Easter Sunday to April 30 money was given to mission work in the United States. After the last offering was received, the total gifts for Annie Armstrong were \$5,000.

"This church in a small community of believers with a big heart for God gave over \$10,000 to foreign and home missions. Truly Mantee Baptist Church has accepted the challenge and is being BOLD for the Kingdom of God," states Dennis Johnson.

Johnson, who was pastor at Mantee, recently accepted the pastorate of First, Summit.

Retired Pastor Dies At Pontotoc

John M. McMillen, 73, died April 28 in Pontotoc Community Hospital.

McMillen was a retired Baptist minister, having served Old Town, Sarepta, Shiloh, Victory, and New Liberty Churches in Calhoun Association. He retired from New Liberty (after serving for 17 years) in November, 1975.

He also served in Marshall Association, in Tippah, and in Pontotoc County.

He was a pastor for more than 35 years.

He was born in Union County on November 17, 1904 the son of Jack McMillen and Arabel Hurley McMillen.

He was buried in Shady Grove Cemetery in Pontotoc County on April 29, 1978.

He is survived by his widow, Beulah Swords McMillen of New Albany; one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy McCord of Pontotoc; three sons, Jack, of Hernando, William Gerald of Carnes City, Tex., and Kenneth McMillen of Oxford, (pastor of Clear Creek, LaFayette County); five brothers; four sisters; 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Kermit McGregor, Leonard Howell, and Eugene Howell, all sons in the ministry, officiated at his funeral service. Also participating was Andy Gore, his pastor.

Rankin Faces Liquor Vote

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We must make an appeal for Rankin County to hold the line. Regardless of the fact that it will be brought in from outside and no power on earth can completely stop it, the fact remains that the roads are a little safer, the people are a little more responsible, and law enforcement generally remains a little easier where liquor is illegal.

The petitions for this referendum were initiated at the reservoir. And though the reservoir is not particularly a religious community, there are enough Baptists there to out vote the liquor interests.

Those who espouse the cause of liquor are particularly selfish in their attitude. Where it is illegal they are going to bring it in anyway and then ask that it be legalized because they are going to use it whether it is legal or not.

A great deal of the body of water that is the reservoir lies within Rankin County. In the simple interest of safety, let's keep this mind-bending drug out of the hands of boat drivers who have no pattern for their movements but must depend on clear heads to keep from killing somebody or getting killed.

MC Will Award Three Doctorates



Hamblin Rouse

The President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, a Mississippi College Professor and a Baptist pastor will receive honorary degrees from Mississippi College during the 152nd commencement exercises on Sunday, May 21, in the A. E. Wood Coliseum on the college campus.

McMurray Robert L. Hamblin will receive the doctor of divinity, Sarah A. Rouse will receive the doctor of letters, and Clark W. McMurray will receive the doctor of divinity.

Hamblin, a native of Ohio, is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn. He did graduate study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned both the Bachelor of Divinity and the Doctor of Theology Degrees.

His pastorates include Grace Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.; Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Covington, Tenn.; Garner Baptist Church, Garner, Tex.; Elliston Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; and Harris-

burg Baptist Church in Tupelo where he is pastor.

Hamblin is the author of *Studies in Galatians, The Spirit-Filled Trauma*; and *"Miracles in Arts"*, an article in *Southwestern Journal*.

He has served in various capacities for the denomination including Clarke College Board of Trustees member, President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, First Vice-President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. He has traveled and preached in Latin America, Europe and the Near East.

He is married to the former Mary Ruth Miller of Ripley, Tenn. They have two children.

Rouse was graduated from William Carey College, and earned a Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy Degree from Florida State University. Her teaching experience includes Hazard Baptist College, William Carey College, where she served as Dean of Women, and Florida State University. She came to Mississippi College in 1959 as Dean of Women and assumed her current position of Chairman of the Division of Humanities in 1967.

Rouse holds memberships in Alpha Lambda Delta, American Association of University Women (past president), American Association of University Professors, Delta Kappa Gamma, Mississippi Education Association and Sigma Tau Delta.

Rouse is a member of the First Baptist Church of Clinton. She was married to the late Irving E. Rouse, former president of William Carey College.

Clark W. McMurray, a native of Alabama, is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pascagoula. He was graduated from Mississippi College, and earned a Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology Degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

His pastorates have included Lynn Baptist Church, Dodsdsville, Ky.; Calvary Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Stanford Baptist Church, Stanford, Ky.; First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Ms.; Northside Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.; and his current pastorate in Pascagoula where he has served since 1961.

His denominational activities include Blue Mountain College Trustee member, Mississippi College Trustee member, Vice-President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee member, and a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

He has traveled in Mexico, Canada, Cuba, Middle East, Brazil, Kenya, and West Africa.

He is married to the former Elsie Jane Rigby of Lancaster, Ky. They have four children.



Retirement Certificate

Earl Kelly, seated, executive secretary-treasurer for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, signs the retirement certificate for W. R. Roberts. Roberts signed the certificates for 20 years as annuity secretary for Mississippi Baptists before he retired April 30.



Kindergarten-Day Care Clinic

W. P. Davis, retired, of Jackson in the photo above exhibits materials for object lessons as he addresses those attending a Kindergarten-Day Care Clinic at First Church, Ridgeland. The state-wide meeting was sponsored by the Church Administration Department. In the photo below Davis is shown, center, with the host pastor, Everette Martin, left, and Leon Emery, right, director of the Church Administration Department, with other program personalities. They are, left to right, Davina Levy of the State Board of Health; Mary Ann Jacobs of Clinton; Judy Renick, Hinds County schools; and Wilma Lowe, First Church, Jackson. Davis was director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board before his retirement.

Women 65 Or More Invited To Retreat

Mrs. Roy McGlamery of Memphis will lead the Bible Study for the 65 plus Retreat at Camp Garaywa May 16-18.

Mrs. McGlamery taught in the nursing school in Gaza when she and her husband served as missionaries there, in addition to instructing missionary children and working with young people at weekly meetings, Vacation Bible Schools, and youth conferences.

David Myers, a home missionary serving in Jackson, will tell about his work in the Hinds-Madison Association. He will explain many services women can provide in the area of mission action.

Kermit King, Church Training Department director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will share what is being done in the area of work with senior citizens in Mississippi. Harold Kitchings, Baptist Foundation execu-

tive secretary, will speak to the group about the work of the Foundation.

Others will appear on the program. An afternoon of crafts will be a featured event.

The retreat will begin on May 16 at 2 p.m. and close at noon on May 18. Reservations may be made by sending \$5.00 for each person to Ethel McKeithen, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205. The \$15 balance can be paid upon arrival.

Bring your Bible, sheets, pillow case, towels and toilet articles. Bring a light blanket if you think you will need one.

New Delhi (RNS) — To the dismay and consternation of India's drinking minority, Prime Minister Morarji R. Desai has set his country's sights on total prohibition by 1981. The Prime Minister has made the banning of alcoholic beverages a major goal of his year-old administration, reversing a trend toward more liberal liquor laws.

Convention Board Gives—

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Student Union at USM, has reached the normal retirement age of 65. The board, however, has the prerogative of inviting such a person to remain another year and did so.

The Central Hills Baptist Retreat Development Committee, headed by Lavon Moore, director of missions for Atlanta Association, will begin working on plans for a slightly altered version of the phase I portion of the development. The committee will be aiming toward having facilities for 150 boys ready for use on the 160-acre area near Kosciusko by the summer of 1979.

In a meeting preceding the Convention Board meeting the board's Executive Committee approved the election of Sam Turner as director of missions for Gulf Coast Association and Marvin Bibb as director of missions for Calhoun Association. The committee also elected Billy J. McDaniel, pastor at Sledge, as a member of the Convention Board to fill a vacancy until the convention meets.

Seminary Extension To Hold Exercises For First Graduate

The Seminary Extension Center at Mississippi College will hold commencement exercises for its first graduate on May 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Provine Chapel on the college campus.

B. Glenn Nations, pastor of Bethesda Church in Hinds County, enrolled in the Extension Seminary in 1973 and will be the first graduate of the extension program to complete all the courses offered.

A native of Copiah county, Nations enlisted in the Marine Corps at 18 and spent 15 years in the service. According to Eugene I. Farr, Nations' travels in the South Pacific and Far East contributed greatly to his understanding of foreign missions.

While still in the Marine Corps, Nations was licensed to preach by the New River Church in Jacksonville, N. C., and was ordained by Triangle

Church, Triangle, Va. He has been pastor of five churches.

He has attended George Washington University, Delta Junior College, Delta State University, and The Extension Seminary at Mississippi College.

He is married to the former Mary Morris of Copiah County and they have three sons and one granddaughter.

Garaywa Is For Girls

By Marilyn Hopkins
Consultant, WMU

Something different this summer? How about involving GAs and Acteens in a missions camping program at Garaywa?

Camp Garaywa is owned and operated by Mississippi WMU and will offer eight weeks of camp for GAs 9-12 and Acteens 12-17, beginning June 12 and concluding August 4. The camping program seeks to develop a missions awareness in these girls for the present as well as for the future.

During a week at Garaywa girls will learn about mission work around the world and here at home. They will discover that mission work can begin in their home towns, in their communities, and in their homes. Home and foreign missionaries are on the grounds each week sharing informa-

tion about how God called them and is using them in their special areas of work.

Most of all, these missionaries tell about how their love for Jesus Christ helps them to tell others about Him.

The theme for this summer's program is "Giving Our Best," celebrating the 100 years of work of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union. Giving Our Best through prayer, sharing, offerings, and actions will be the Bible study emphasis.

As each girl begins each morning she will be talking and listening to God in her own "quiet time."

Each day of camp brings new and different experiences for the GAs and Acteens in the atmosphere which Garaywa creates because of the emphasis on missions.

The girls will also involve themselves in music, crafts, drama, nature study, recreation, swimming, and outdoor cooking.

Publicity and registration information has been mailed to all associational and local WMU directors, who were to see that each GA and Acteen director leader received copies. For additional information about registration, write or call Mississippi WMU, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205 (telephone 354-3704, Ext. 280).

I look forward to seeing every GA and Acteen member in Mississippi at Garaywa this summer!

Miss Kirkpatrick To Transfer To Liberia

Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, missionary to Nigeria for 22 years, will transfer to Liberia this month. She will teach Bible in the Ricks Institute in Monrovia (P. O. Box 1416).

Miss Kirkpatrick has been in the States for five months. She will leave for her new assignment on May 16, from Thompson Field in Jackson at 9 a.m. and will arrive in Monrovia at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17.

She states, "I appreciate very much the prayer support of my co-laborers here as I go out once again."

Clarke Commencement Is Friday, May 12



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Clarke College Commencement Day activities will be held on Friday, May 12, in the sanctuary of First Church, Newton. The baccalaureate service will begin at 10 a.m. with the graduation exercises to follow at 3 p.m.

Speaker for the baccalaureate service will be Herman A. Milner, pastor of Van Winkle Church in Jackson since 1945, and vice chairman of the Clarke College Board of Trustees. The graduation address will be delivered by J. B.

The Missions Task The Status Quo

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

One unusual scholar trying to explain the term "status quo" said, "That's Latin for the mess we're in."

Churches cannot maintain the "status quo" for very long. God never intended it and will not continue to bless it. With a priceless gospel message to proclaim and a dying world that desperately needs to hear it, God's command is always "Forward!"

Sometimes I, and my brethren in the ministry, try to throw the transmission of our lives into "neutral" and allow things around the church to "coast" for a while. When this happens, the bill for this lack of leadership will start coming in and the cost is unbearably high. Satan is always tempting us to "not ripple the waters," to "not disturb the status quo". God's Spirit is constantly saying to us, "Forward, march!"

Weariness has always been a problem to God's people. Paul admonishes the Galatian Christians to (6:9) "... not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Why do we sometimes sell out to Satan and abdicate our responsibility for leadership?

One major cause is fear of change and a feeling of security with the status quo. In Deut. 20:1-3, the people are admonished in preparation for battle to "... let not your heart faint; fear not, nor tremble, neither be ye affrighted at them; for Jehovah your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you." Fear in the heart of many a leader has lost major battles unnecessarily. As Christian soldiers, we are in a war. Paul concluded his ministry claiming to have fought a good fight. Today's soldiers of the cross need expect nothing less.

Another cause is weariness. To tire is human. To be renewed is divine. God's people always got into trouble when they were camping, never when they were moving! Paul explained his source of help to the Corinthian Christians (II Cor. 4:16), "Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day."

A further cause is prayerlessness. Jesus explained that men "ought always to pray, and not to faint" in the parable of the Unjust Judge, Luke 18. A prayerless heart is like a defenseless citadel, open and vulnerable to every attack.

A very subtle cause is a wrong response to the chastening of the Lord. The writer of Hebrews tells us, "My sons, regard not lightly the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art reproved of him." (12:5) Why chastening? "... for our profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness... even the fruit of righteousness."

God's people have special help with the problem of faintheartedness. As they pray they will be heard. Paul reminds us "... even as we obtained mercy, we faint not" (II Cor. 4:1).

God's people are like an ancient walled city with a fresh flowing spring inside. It is not overcome by surprise enemy attacks. The fiery darts of the wicked are hurled, but the city survives. It, like the faithful, prayerful Christian, has "... the water that I give him becoming in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life" (John 4:14).

God does not intend that his ministers preside over the status quo, but that they be Christian soldiers, marching on to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before!

They sing as they march: "Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears; for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears; thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light: the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might."

Are you marching or are you trying to maintain the status quo? Think about it!

Barry To Direct Worship Conferences

A series of creative worship conferences will take place in Mississippi in the latter part of May.

The conferences, which will deal with elements of effective worship, and enriching experiences, will meet in the following places.

On Monday May 22, the first will meet at East McComb Baptist Church in McComb.

"Good News"

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J. Roy McComb, Richard Porter, Clark Hensley, S. L. Bowman, Leon Young, and Robert Jones.

Housing, meals and registration costs only \$15 per person. For reservations contact Dick Brogan, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, or phone 354-3704.

SBC . . .

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mission needs of SBC agencies and another \$35,874,644 in designated receipts, are up 11.79 percent over the same period last year.

During April, Cooperative Program contributions totaled \$4,838,855, or 10.31 percent ahead of April, 1977, and total gifts amounted to \$9,557,478, or 21.46 percent ahead of last April. The total gifts included \$4,718,623 in designated gifts, a 35.52 percent increase over last April.

The second is on May 23 at Magnolia Street Baptist Church in Laurel. The third is May 25 at First Baptist Church in New Albany. And the fourth meeting will be on May 26 at East Heights Baptist Church in Tupelo.

The meetings are spaced around the state for convenience of travel.

Each conference will be led by James Barry, a pastoral ministries consultant with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, a frequent speaker to Baptist groups on preaching and worship.

Each will begin at 9 a.m., concluding at 4 p.m. And each will have the same general contents for the program. One section of the conferences will deal with planning and building the order of worship. Within that framework will be discussed: calls to worship, effective prayer, the printed order of worship, and the invitation.

Also special occasion worship such as weddings and funerals will be discussed.

In addition to Barry, each session will have a music leader and accompanist. At East McComb will be James Bickham, minister of music at East McComb Baptist Church, and Mrs. Phyllis Wells, that church's pianist.

At Magnolia Street will be Mike Burt, minister of music at West Laurel Baptist Church, and Sarah Talley, state children's music specialist.

Bob Gray, minister of music at First Baptist Church, New Albany, will lead the music at his church, along with accompanist, Mrs. W. F. Evans. And Gaines Hyche, will lead music at his home church, East Heights Baptist, along with Miss Sandra Primdore of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Columbia.

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June 26-30	GA	Russell/Helen Bagay—New Mexico
July 3-7	GA	Robert/Fiora Hollifield—Italy
July 10-14	GA	Tom/Hazel Barron—Indonesia
July 17-21	GA	James/Zelma Foster—Philippines
July 24-28	GA	Abel/Joyce Becerra—New Mexico
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Editorials

A New Day . . .

Gulfshore Beauty In Commitment

A new day has dawned for Mississippi Baptists, declared Mississippi Baptist Convention President Bob Hamblin as his eyes took in the new physical plant of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly and his thoughts reached ahead to consider the many thousands of young people whose lives will be influenced as they are brought face to face with spiritual values on this calm shore of Bay St. Louis.

The bay was not always calm, of course; and in 1969 the howling winds of a hurricane put what had been Gulfshore assembly out of business. Last Friday evening a totally new plant was dedicated, and this one was constructed to be hurricane proof.

The grounds indeed are beautiful. The buildings are sparkling white as they nestle beside the golden sand and the deep blue water. By day as one sees the administration building its white walls gleam beside the bay. By night, as one comes from the new auditorium, the administration building

with its lights aglow looks much like a jewel in its setting.

Attractive, Comfortable

The living quarters are attractive and comfortable. The classrooms are spacious and functional. The food service facilities are excellent. The new auditorium, although made necessary by a fire, is a beautiful and usable facility.

These tangible evidences of beauty, however, are not what excites one about Gulfshore. These are not the conditions that engendered the statement that a new day has dawned for Mississippi Baptists.

The excitement comes when one considers how many will make life-changing commitments on these grounds. Many will open their hearts to the wooing of the Holy Spirit for the first time and accept Christ as their Lord and their Savior. Many will be challenged to a deeper commitment that will make them better able to serve their Lord in their local churches for the remainder of their lives. Many

others will realize as they meet the Lord here that He is calling them into some special area of service in His name.

The classrooms, the dining facilities, or the auditorium can not make these things happen of themselves. It will take tireless and dedicated leaders and workers who will sacrifice their own comfort and place themselves in the Lord's hands for work that will bring about the impact that Gulfshore is dedicated to accomplishing. Without them the hopes for Gulfshore will be dashed into futility.

The assembly is not for young people only, of course, and, indeed, the first regularly scheduled conference is one for senior citizens.

Named For Quarles

And it is altogether fitting that the administration building should be named in memory of Chester L. Quarles. He was greatly instrumental in getting the assembly program under way and was a guiding hand in

the acquisition of the property and buildings that were used until a year after his untimely death. The decision for the naming was made in the Convention Board meeting Friday afternoon and the announcement was made to those gathered for the dedication service that night. Dr. Quarles widow, Mrs. Virginia Quarles, was presented a scroll in memory of the occasion as she first heard of the naming during the dedication service.

The facility is beautiful. The dedication service was meaningful as those instrumental in the restoration spoke and as Mississippi native son James L. Sullivan delivered the dedicatory message.

What remains is for the Lord's servants in Mississippi to supply the ingredient that remains the key: to make themselves available for the Lord's use and to pray that His will will be accomplished through all the years to come.

In these conditions lies the real beauty of Gulfshore.

Mother's Day . . .

Homage In Full Measure

Mother's Day on Sunday will bring to a close Christian Home Week. If there was ever a time when emphasis was needed on the Christian home, it is now.

Forces are assailing the home from more directions than one can keep track of. Not the least of these assailants is the entertainment industry. In the opinion of the writer, the entertainment business has betrayed the home. This is particularly true of television and radio, which come into the home by invitation and then do all they can to destroy it.

Radio is not nearly the serious offender that television is, of course; but many of the songs that are played over and over on some stations speak of marital infidelity or speak of the pain of losing a lover when there had been

no marriage established. These are bound to have their impact after awhile.

This piece, however, is not intended to discuss the negative aspects of the impacts against the home but instead to pay tribute to those homes that are standing firm in the face of the storms and to seek to encourage others to take similar stands. There is no question but that standing firm against the onslaughts is a difficult position to maintain.

To speak of a home generally means to take children into consideration for the home is the most effective training station in teaching children how to live. As they see their peers being allowed to go in different directions from what the Christian home would teach, many times their inclination and determination are to go the way of

others. It takes a strong home to keep the right path cleared out and insist that the child follow it.

Those homes that succeed in this respect are surely to be commended, for they offer the most substantial hope we have for a responsible future.

The influence that the mother has when such a successful home is established and the influence that she must wield in maintaining it are beyond measure. Surely this day of homage is due them in full measure for their faithfulness and devotion to their responsibility.

Children's Village Offering

Annually since 1967 Mother's Day has been the time for gifts designated

for the Baptist Children's Village. This offering comes as a climax to Christian Home Week, which is fitting.

The Village has no other time of direct appeal for funds. The Children's Village is the official child-care agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, but this is its only opportunity to appeal directly for funds beyond the Cooperative Program gifts the agency receives.

The care of these dependent children is a decided responsibility of Mississippi Baptists, and spokesmen say that the Village is dependent on designated gifts for 67 percent of its operating needs.

It is not the Children's Village caring for these children. It is Mississippi Baptists. The Village is simply the vehicle. A worthy offering is needed.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Mother's Day Memories

The touch of a handmade quilt brings back the nights of my childhood and the warm feeling of security: the softness of the lining against my cheek, the texture of the patterned stitches under my fingers. Mama coming in to ask "Do you need more cover? Do you want a drink of water before I turn out the light?"

The sound of music opens the floodgate to a whole reservoir of memories. When I hear a certain hymn, I see Mama on a summer afternoon seated at the piano picking out the melody and singing, "If the world from you withhold of its silver and its gold . . . if your body suffers pain and your health you can't regain . . . take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. . . ." Mama has always liked to sing, whether at home, in County Line church choir, for songfests at reunions, or during caroltime at Christmas.

I like to smell the roses that bloom in May by Mama's kitchen window. In our family we always have had a lot of traditions, for there is just something about saying, "We always do this." One Mother's day tradition has always been pinning a rose on each other before we left for church. Because Daddy had planted no red roses, we always chose a pink one from the bush by the window.

When Mama was in the hospital on one Mother's Day, we missed her and were very worried. I remember as I picked my rose that I offered a prayer for her.

One year we decided to start a new tradition. If we could have a Christmas tree, we reasoned, then why not a Mother's Day tree? We cut a small cedar, brought it in and decorated it

with pink roses, and piled Mother's Day gifts around the base.

The taste of a fresh ripe tomato reminds me of Mama, for as long as I can remember she has never failed to have a vegetable garden with tomatoes and beans and corn and peas and butterbeans. Some years, too, she has added a row of flowers—sweet peas, zinnias, periwinkles, and bachelor's buttons.

Betty and I as children helped to set out the tomato plants. Daddy dug the holes; Mama poured water into each hole; Betty dropped the plants; I shaded the tender shoots with newspaper weighted at the corners with rocks or clods of dirt.

Though tomatoes were not ready for Mother's Day dinner, there would be a pie that Mama made. Often it was egg custard, Daddy's favorite. Maybe Mama won't mind if I share her recipe:

2 or 3 eggs; ½ cup sugar; 1 cup milk; 2 tbsp flour.

Separate egg yolks from whites. Beat the yolks adding ½ cup of milk. Mix the flour with the sugar. Add ½ cup of milk to the flour-sugar mixture. Combine the two mixtures and stir well. Add vanilla if desired.

Pour this onto a blistered pie shell. (Blistered means placed on an eye of the stove at low heat for about a minute, not long enough to brown but long enough to blister.) Cook pie in 350 degree oven until firm. Beat egg whites. Add 4 tablespoons sugar. Spread meringue on custard and brown.

Scents and sounds, tastes and textures . . . Thank you, Mama, for all the pleasant memories. Happy Mother's Day!

Letters To The Editor

Bryant, Carter Addresses

Dear Editor:

I read with concern the news that president Jimmy Carter and Ms. Anita Bryant will be among those who will address the Southern Baptist Convention this year.

I am concerned because politics and fanaticism should have no part in the business to be conducted in that convention.

The President should not be invited because there could certainly be a conflict between his desire to be re-elected and his true relationship with God. If he must practice deceit or permit his practice among his advisors he would not have the credentials to appear before our ministers to instruct or advise them on anything sacrosanct.

If he still feels compelled let him come at a later date when he is no longer President.

As for Ms. Bryant, she certainly is not an authority on the subject of the Bible as it concerns sexual perversion. The Bible speaks for itself on the question, and those who will attend have no business being clergymen if they don't know the scriptural basis for objection to homosexuality or any other sexual perversion.

However, if these two have been selected because of worthiness, then why not balance it out by inviting a couple of unknowns to participate.

I would be glad to present a dissertation on false preachers and hypocrisy in the churches today.

George M. Roza
West Point

There is a slight element of confusion here, though perhaps the principle enunciated still would be valid.

Actually, Anita Bryant and President Carter will not address the Southern Baptist Convention. Miss Bryant will speak to the Pastors' Conference; and President Carter, if he appears, will address the National Conference of Baptist Men. The pastors will meet before the convention starts. The men will meet after it is over. Neither meeting will conduct any business except for the pastors' electing officers.

I am sure the SBC Brotherhood Commission, which is sponsoring the Men's Conference, felt that President Carter, being a Baptist layman, would

be a fine choice as a speaker at the Baptist Men's conference. He is a former commission member. The program of the Pastors' Conference is prerogative of the president of the conference, who is Bailey Smith of Del City, Okla. Miss Bryant is from Oklahoma, and that must have been a contributing factor in the president's decision to invite her to speak. She is a Southern Baptist, and she has become well known for the espousal of a position with which the president might agree. At any rate, while both President Carter and Miss Bryant are invited speakers for meetings during convention week in Atlanta, neither will address the Southern Baptist Convention. — Editor

Ministry In Chicago

Dear Editor:

On April 6 an article by Jim Queen appeared on page 6 of the Baptist Record.

The article was entitled "Thrust In Chicago Ministry Depends On Easter Offering", and reflected his work in Uptown Chicago. The concluding paragraph stated, "So far as I can see, nobody is ministering in Uptown." It is with the "nobody . . . in Uptown" that I take issue.

The Salvation Army is, and has been for the last seven years, actively involved in ministering to the people of Uptown—mentally, physically, and spiritually. I am enclosing a pamphlet to describe the services that we offer to residents of Uptown.

I have been in touch with the secretary of the Uptown Baptist Chapel and have left my name and number for Jim Queen. The secretary was aware of our location as we are only a few blocks from them, but apparently Mr. Queen is not too familiar with us. I hope to inform him of the nature and depth of our ministry in Uptown and to invite him to make use of any facet of our work that is related to his ministry.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Debbi Johnson
Lieutenant
Assistant to the Director
David A. Dalberg
Captain
Tom Seay Service Center Director

Leaders Urge Satellite Use For New Communications Era

By Robert O'Brien

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — An historic satellite transmission from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission outlined to Southern Baptists how their convention can move into a new era of communication.

More than 200 Southern Baptist leaders, assembled at the commission's new Fort Worth studio and at First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., heard Jimmy Allen, Paul Stevens and John P. Witherspoon describe how Baptists may realistically convert "exotic space communications technology" into practical use in the SBC Bold Mission Thrust within five years.

The two-hour transmission, interspersed with an array of visuals and including a two-way question and answer period at the end, originated in an agency which used a satellite signal in 1965 to detonate dynamite to break ground for its modern facilities at 6350 West Freeway, Fort Worth.

"That was thought of then as a gimmick," declared Stevens, Radio and Television Commission president. "But it was not. It was a signal to ourselves to begin thinking in terms of satellite broadcasting."

"We cannot allow a new age to arrive with us riding in a buggy or a Model T," Stevens declared, emphasizing a note sounded also by Allen, SBC president and pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Tex.

"We must make our leadership honest when they say they want to reach everyone in the world (with the gospel of Jesus Christ) by the year 2000" as part of the SBC's Bold Mission Thrust, Stevens said. "If they don't use the satellite, that's rhetoric we can't accept."

Witherspoon, president of the Public Service Satellite Consortium, San Diego, Calif., explained that the launching of the space shuttle program will eventually sharply reduce satellite transmission costs and bring them into the range of a wide number of service organizations in the private sector.

"With the shuttle becoming an operating reality in 1980, lots of things will begin to happen," Witherspoon said. "It will not cost \$13 million (current cost) to launch a satellite the size of CTS (the Communications Technology Satellite used in the transmission) . . . we'll see costs come down (half of the \$26 million cost of current Western Union or RCA satellites is now spent on launch alone) . . . we can talk about bigger, more powerful satellites . . . earth stations can be smaller, simpler and less expensive, which in turn means that satellite systems become even more simple from the standpoint of the user, even more flexible and even less costly."

But Witherspoon, Stevens and Allen indicated that technology is available now for Southern Baptists to begin using satellites for multiple purposes while stretching their imagination for the future.

"The bottom line of communication is not the flinging of words into space but is the fashioning of a transformed life touching others in love and power while pointing them to the source—Christ Jesus," Allen said. "All technologies, first century or 21st century, become merely means for expediting the basic impact of life upon life" through missions.

Allen constructed scenarios for satellite use. They range from statewide transmission of programming to remote overseas villages to use in the states to provide inspiration and impetus to the Bold Mission Thrust and Mission Service Corps, the plan to send 5,000 volunteer missionaries around the world by 1982.

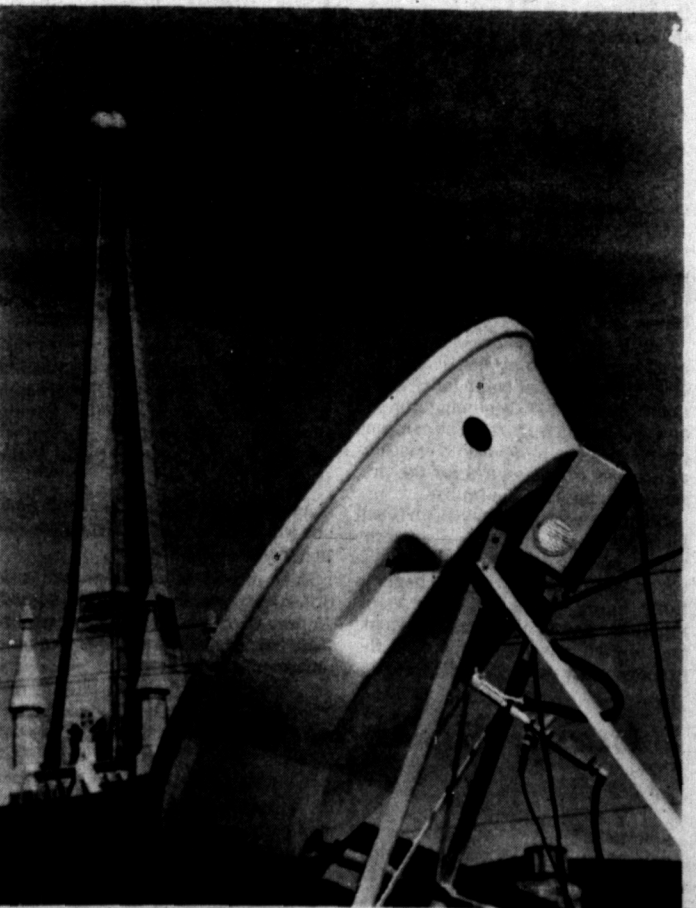
He challenged Southern Baptists to gather 100,000 strong to commission 1,000 missionaries in a single service, using satellite transmission to handle logistics.

"The Astrodome in Houston seats 50,000 people," Allen said. "It can be filled for such a Bold Mission Commissioning Service." Satellite transmission to 10 key cities across America to rallies of 5,000 more persons could account for the other 50,000.

"Nothing like it has ever happened

in the history of Christianity," Allen said. "It's not only a dream. It's doable. The combined forces of Southern Baptists praying for God to call out the called (missionaries) could mean 1,000 persons."

The Radio and Television Commission used the transmission as an opportunity to premiere "At Home with the Bible," the first in a 39-part series of 30-minute television Bible study programs, a joint effort of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the commission. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., hosts the series.



A dish-like antenna outside First Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., gathers a message from a satellite 23,000 miles overhead from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission studio in Fort Worth, Texas. The program conducted by the commission demonstrated how satellites will be used in the near future to beam religious broadcasting at less expense. (BP) PHOTO

Gulfshore Building Named For Quarles

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spoke to the crowd at the dedication ceremonies. He told them, "Back in 1953 or 1954 when I was pastor of First Church, Jackson, Ches said to me, 'You know, Doug, I think Mississippi needs an assembly.' Many times he repeated his wish for one as he talked with various people over the state."

July 20, 1950

In the July 20, 1950 issue of the Baptist Record, three months after he became executive secretary, Quarles wrote, "Who could completely evaluate our summer assemblies?" He said he had regularly attended Baptist assemblies since the summer of 1925, and was writing from Ridgecrest Assembly — "Southern Baptist Zion."

"Many of our states have assemblies," he said. "Oklahoma... Arkansas... Alabama... Kentucky... Florida... Texas..."

"The values of assemblies are numerous. Claiming the summer vacations with a positive educational, inspirational, and recreational program is a wide procedure for Baptists. Mississippi has its Camp Garaywa. Should we have a place where the Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, music, and other interests could be fostered? Personally, we feel that a full summer assembly program that will include all of our causes will be worth the cost and the effort."

In the early 1950's Joe Odle, pastor at First Church, Gulfport, mentioned the vacant buildings of the former maritime academy on Henderson Point and his hope that Mississippi Baptists might acquire this as a state assembly site. Later Quarles and Odle drove to the point to assess the possibilities.

Flies to Washington

Three times Quarles flew to Washington to try to buy the land from the Navy, but the government refused to sell. They informed Quarles that Baptists were No. 9 on the list of types of organizations that might be allowed to buy. Others such as Boy Scouts, were ahead of denominational conventions.

In October, 1955, Mississippi Baptists bought Camp Kittiwake at Pass Christian. Then three years later the property at Henderson Point finally was offered for sale. An announcement of a November 7, 1958, auction appeared in the New Orleans Times-Picayune.

When he learned the property was for sale, Quarles alerted the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Board members met him at Gulfport where they had lunch at First Baptist Church and then drove to Henderson Point.

Buys Property

The property was in disrepair; some

walls were moldered; the ceiling was down in the dining hall; damages done by the last big hurricane were still un-restored. But in spite of the grey outlook, the men went to Kittiwake and voted to try to buy the property.

Quarles and six others were on the committee to bid for the land.

On Jan. 28, 1959, Quarles received a letter from A. R. Smith, chief of the Disposal Branch, Acquisition and Disposal Division, General Services Administration, U. S. Government, Atlanta, Ga. Smith wrote, "We are pleased to advise that your offer of \$455,000 to purchase the former Maritime Academy, Pass Christian, Mississippi, has been accepted by the government." In a UPI report next day, the General Services Administration was quoted as saying the property went to the Baptist Convention "because it serves the best interests of the public, both from a dollar return to the government and from the standpoint of a constructive use of the property."

July 22, 1960

At the dedication service on July 22, 1960, Quarles exclaimed, "This is a majestic moment! God has brought us here. He is here. His presence fills this day until time shall have been lost in eternity."

Chautauqua

Quarles wrote in 1966, two years before his death in 1968: "The assembly movement came from two sources. The first was the old camp meeting. Many years ago our spiritual forefathers would meet together at a camp ground and a revival would be held for a couple of weeks or so. The other source of our modern assembly movement was the old Chautauqua. The company would travel around with a circus tent and each day for a week or two different speakers or features would be presented. I had no touch with the first movement but remember in my boyhood going to Chautauqua."

Bible Conference

The last conference at Gulfshore before Hurricane Camille in 1969 was a Bible Conference. Joe Odle, then the Baptist Record editor, now retired, was on program. So was Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board. Odle says that the Bible conference was one of Quarles' biggest dreams for the assembly.

James L. Sullivan, who spoke at the dedication service in 1960, also spoke at the service last Friday evening. He said that though Quarles did not live to see the fulfillment of his dream he had the foresight to act at the right time, and now others are seeing his dream come to fruition.



Amory Youths Lead Day Camps In Tennessee — Recommend It To Others

Last June, 30 young people and six chaperones of First Baptist Church in Amory, made a mission trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., to work in day camping and singing.

The group, led by Rich Malone, reported the trip "has given our church a renewed excitement for missions."

The week in Gatlinburg began with the singing of the musical "Celebrate Life," and for a week, the group led in day camps each morning in several campgrounds. They enrolled 175 children, stressing crafts, Bible stories, Bible verses, and games.

Afternoons the youths spend in conversation with tourists. Each youth was required to share his or her testimony with at least one tourist each day. Evenings consisted of musical performances, puppetry, drama, and pantomime by Malone.

Teresa Palmer, who directed one of the day camps, reported her feelings on the week's work. "It made me realize the needs of children to hear about Christ and also for them to find people who care about them and provide fun and enjoyable things for them to do."

Youth Vickie Anderson reported she felt the trip "Showed people that God is alive in Christians today." She added, "It brings your group real close together and you just learn how to love people."

Mrs. Charles Sanderson, a sponsor who drove, helped with the cooking, washed clothes, and kept first aid supplies, said the young people and their leaders were a source of inspiration to her. She said, "I would recommend that others become involved in this type of mission activity if they are willing to prepare for it."

Laurie Randle, a day camp director, said the trip "opened my eyes to my real need for spiritual growth."

She added, "The main thing I feel anyone who can swallow an aspirin tablet at a drinking fountain deserves to get well. — News-Leader, Arcadia, Wis."

like we learned is that our greatest mission is our own church! Getting our own lives really right with the Lord and sharing with our own people. This is a tremendous goal for FBC, Amory."

'Supper Time'

By Jerry Mixon
Pastor, Goss

Sometime ago I wandered along the old pathway. It was the path that ran from our house to Uncle Carl's. It seemed like the grass was always greener along the sides of this well beaten path.

My brothers, Robert, Joe and my two sisters, Sue and Pat used to run down this lane playing cowboys. We would hunt wild game, play hide and seek, swing from the trees on vines and those that were not too green we smoked.

Late in the afternoon, Mother would come to the back of the house. She would stand on the steps and call, "supper time." Her voice would rise up down through the trees, vines, flowers, and entered our hut or den or playhouse. No matter what was being done at this time we stopped.

Once again ten feet could be heard as they pounded their way down the path. Pushing and shouting our way through the back door we took our place around the table.

It made no difference to us if we had syrup and bread, bread and gravy or if it was just soup. The warm feeling in our house did not come from the stove. The joy, the fellowship, the love and the warm spirit was produced by my Mother.

Many were the times she stood for hours over an old wash tub in the back yard and scrubbed our clothes. I have seen her prime the old pump when it looked like the water she poured in was going to freeze.

She put up with our rebellion, our times of fighting, our ugly words, our questions, and our mementos of despair. She stood up for us but she STOOD UP WITH US. No matter what kind of trouble we managed to get ourselves into she came and stood right with us.

If we were wrong she punished us. If we were right she complimented us.

My Father was the head of our home but MOTHER WAS THE HEART. She was there when we needed her. She cut out many a paper doll for Pat. She made many a doll dress for Sue. She helped Robert and Joe build a club house or repair a toy pistol. She showed me how to tie a knot in a string or how to make a cup and saucer.

Mother remembers many things about our childhood but one thing from mine stands out above all others. She remembers Pat and me building a play church. Then we would take turns preaching to each other.

I remember many things such as the frogs, the cats, Scotty, my old dog, chewing tobacco, fresh tomatoes from the garden, and bear hunting in the back yard.

However, one of the most outstanding things is the old path. There we would be building a fort to fight off the enemy. Our plans were made, our guns were ready and then bouncing from tree to tree came those delightful words, "Supper time."

All you could see going down the lane was feet. There seated around the table we lived, loved, cried, played and grew up together. My father, two brothers, two sisters, mother and me.

I will not see mother this Mother's Day — I'll not be in the playhouse — nor in the lane and not in our little play church. I'll be standing in my pulpit to preach the good news of Jesus which my mother taught in word and deed.

—Reprinted from
Magnolia Gazette.

Disaster Unit Feeds People After Tornadoes

After at least three tornadoes hit the Utica area on March 18, representatives of the Mississippi Baptist Convention aided in relief feeding.

The feeding operation was initiated after members of the task force for the disaster relief unit of the MBC made contact with the Red Cross. About 200 meals were served that first evening. Then on the 19th, another 120 persons were fed.

Rusty Griffin of the state Baptist Brotherhood staff, and coordinator of Mississippi Baptists' relief efforts, said that this actual involvement in disaster relief "has made anticipation of the completion of the mobile unit even greater." The mobile disaster unit is under construction by volunteers in Lee County.

Said Griffin, "It was quite obvious from the expression on the people's faces, that what we were doing was very well received. I know that we gained some insight that will help us in future disasters."



Ed Crowther, Task Force Member, serves hot coffee and sandwiches from the back of a pick-up truck and David McDonald, Task Force Member surveys the tornado damage.



In addition to the hot coffee and sandwiches that was served, having someone to take the time to listen was very important to the disaster victims. Here one man recalls the moments that destroyed his house, in the background, to two members of the Task Force.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Lynn Clayton, editor of the state newspaper of the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, has been elected editor of the Baptist Message, state newspaper of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. Clayton, editor of the Baptist Digest with offices in Topeka, Kans., since 1974, succeeds Jim Cole, who resigned last December after serving as editor of the Baptist Message for 20 years. Cole is executive vice president of the Baylor University Alumni Association in Waco, Tex.

Robert G. Witty, president of Luther Rice Seminary, conferred the degree, Doctor of Ministry, on James L. Mashburn, Jr., in services at the Jacksonville, Florida.

First Baptist Church on May 5, Mashburn, pastor of Harmony Church, Laurel, was among more than 300 graduates receiving degrees.

Clarence Palmer, retired preacher, was recently taken to the intensive coronary unit of Magnolia Hospital, the second time he has had this experience. He is back home now at 2001 Proper St., Corinth, Miss. During his 61 years in the ministry Palmer has preached in many places, including the United States, Cuba, and Canada. He reports that in hundreds of places where he served he was not given one penny from the people to whom he ministered. Palmer lives alone since his wife died last year. He says letters from friends would cheer him up!

Staff Changes

Dennis Johnsey has accepted a call to become pastor of First Church, Summit. He has resigned at Mantee Church, where he has been pastor since 1975. Born in Corinth, he graduated from Mississippi State University and Southwestern Seminary. His wife is the former Kiydell Singletary of Starkville. They have one daughter.

Mack P. Jones has accepted the call as a pastor of First Church, Ellisville. He and his wife, Marie, were formerly missionaries to South America for ten years. Born in Wayne County, Miss., he graduated from Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary and has been pastor in Alabama, Mississippi, and Oregon. He was licensed to preach in 1949 at First Church, Ellisville, while a student at Jones County Junior College.

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Will She Teach Her To Pray?

Sunday; C. C. Carraway, Silver City, evangelist; Tommy Kelly, Rolling Fork, music director; Jimmy D. Carr,

evangelism/missions at First Church, Jackson, evangelist; (Tipps has led over 350 revivals since 1960, including mission crusades in Japan, Jamaica, and Haiti); Dallas Rayborn, music evangelist; Fred D. Fowler, pastor: Mon-Wed. at 12 noon and 7 p.m. (a snack lunch will be served); Sunday

ksburg, May 14-21; Wayne Bristow, Crusade Team; Wayne Bristow, evangelist from Lubbock, Tex.; Jimmy Hodges, soloist and youth director from Edmond, Okla.; Felix Snipes, music director, team coordinator and professional magician from Atlanta, Ga.; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. at 7:30 p.m. Mon.

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 for all of his kindness
 in her sadness.
 her friend. . .
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Pike WMU Names Women Of Distinction

Pike Associational WMU named six former directors of Pike WMU as Women of Distinction on April 24, during spring meeting at Friendship Church, McComb. They also heard an address by Mrs. Zelma Foster, missionary to the Philippines.

The recognition of the six directors was in line with the Centennial observance of Mississippi WMU. Mrs. Ollie Seales, Pike Centennial chairman, introduced the six, who are Mrs. J. T. Lyons, Mrs. George Bronson, Mrs. T. B. Stokes, Mrs. E. A. Rollins, Mrs. Julius O'Neal, and Mrs. Sheblon Cotton.

WMU was begun in Mississippi in 1878. The first ladies' missionary society in Pike County was at Bogue Chitto Church, in 1888. The first Pike associational meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society was in 1889 with 11 churches from Pike and Lincoln counties. The associational WMU group had a record enrollment of 1,757 members in 1961-62. Presently there are 1,211 members.

Missionary Speaker. Mrs. Foster, the missionary speaker, is a native of Montrose. She and her husband, James, were appointed missionaries to China in 1947. They moved to the Philippines in 1949. When they arrived to the Philippines there was no Baptist work in the is-

lands. The mission was organized in 1950 with no churches. Today there are over 400 churches with a membership of 25,000.

Pike WMU officers for the coming year were elected. They are Mrs. W. F. McIntosh, president; Mrs. Cullen Foster, Baptist Women's Leader; Mrs. Mike Sutton, Baptist Young Women's leader; Mrs. Wilton Price, Acteens leader; Ann Hall, Girls in Action leader; Mrs. Donna Small, Mission Friends leader; Mrs. Ted Thompson, recording secretary-treasurer; Mrs. John Hedgepeth, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Winton Walker, pianist. Mrs. Buell Bearden is outgoing president.

Women Of Distinction.

Mrs. J. T. Lyons, of First, McComb, was associational WMU director, 1946-48. She served as state WMU president from 1957 to 1963. She has also served in the Southern Baptist Convention WMU.

One former associational director, Mrs. F. E. Carruth, who served 1967-1968, is now living in a nursing home out of town and could not attend.

Each of these six women was presented a special memorial plate depicting the 100th Anniversary of Mississippi WMU. The women of Friendship Church gave a reception following the service.



Women of Distinction Honored by Pike County WMU — From left, seated, Mrs. George Bronson, Mrs. Julius O'Neal, Mrs. J. T. Lyons; standing, Mrs. E. A. Rollins, Mrs. T. B. Stokes, Mrs. Sheblon Cotton.



BMC Singers Perform In Europe

An ensemble of Blue Mountain College Singers, directed by Nancy Ellis Robertson, left on May 8 for a week's visit to Europe. The girls were to sing at Battersea Baptist Chapel in London and Emmanuel Baptist Church in Rueil Malmaison, France. The group is visiting London, Paris, Brussels, and Amsterdam, and will return to New York on May 15. Singers participating, left to right (front row), are Denise Davis, Debbie Randle, and Karen Bunn; (second row) — Rose Goudelock, Pam McVay, Ellen Hawkins, Deborah McCarty, and Nancy Ellis Robertson, director; (third row) — Ruth Ann Edwards, Kaye Morris, Teresa McCall, and LuAnne Travis. Not pictured is Anita Eddings.

In Mississippi And California

Lauderdale Association Plans Church Construction Projects

The Missions Committee of Lauderdale Association is encouraging every church in the association to become involved in a mission ministry project.

Meehan Church, a mission of Lauderdale Association, is making plans to construct a small educational building this year. The church will finance the purchase of materials. Volunteers from other churches in the association are being enlisted for the construction work.

In cooperation with the Brotherhood

A Red Rose

Flowers will bloom with fragrance to wear on Mother's Day, red and white roses in their beauty. They will pay tribute to my mother who is living. With tender love and care she fills my heart with joy and gladness, spreading happiness and goodness everywhere. To me she is the sweetest of all mothers, and no one can take her place, because she's always helping others, with her charm-

ing manners and grace. I know God gave me my mother, and I know some day He'll take her away. I'm proud to wear a red rose in her honor on this Mother's Day.

She was the first ever to love me, and she has proved her love in a thousand million ways. I thank God for my loving mother on this her special day. — By Mrs. G. B. Voyles, Corinth, in honor of her mother, Mrs. Fred Rast, who will be 81 on Sept. 20, 1978.

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Devotional

Divine Companionship

By Clyde Little, Pastor, Forest
Exodus 33:12-15

"Give us more and more of the presence of God, and let the men of the world take the world and divide it amongst themselves. A soul that hath but tasted the sweetness of Divine presence cannot but long for more of it, as those that had tasted of the grapes of Canaan longed to be in Canaan." — Thomas Brooks.

All the blessings of Canaan are no compensation for the absence of the divine companionship. This is how God's true servants feel. Moses said, "If Thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence." It was in kindness toward his heart-stricken servant that God promised, "My presence shall go with thee."

Notice the circumstances of the promise. Divine companionship came at the point of disappointment, discouragement and loneliness. The people on whom such high hopes were set had proved faithless. He was disappointed in the response of his leadership. Life brings unexpected turns and frustration and disappointment. God delights to dwell with the disappointed. In disappointment, Moses asked, "Who will you send with me to show the way?" God replied, "My presence."

Again, the promise was spoken to a discouraged man. His work seemed to be falling to pieces. Have you ever been discouraged over your work? People are unresponsive and depression seeks to discourage. This promise is especially for you, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." In the realizing of His presence lies the secret of unending courage.

Once again, the promise was made to a very lonely man. He carried the burden and weight of a great responsibility. Loneliness was overtaken by divine companionship.

God said, "My presence shall go with thee." My pledges to us the side-by-side, step-by-step, heart-to-heart fellowship with God. There are times in life when no one else will do, but God. No one can fill the need of God.

"My presence," means, "My face." This brings face-to-face communion and fellowship. It indicates His gracious favor.

What restlessness there is today! What unsettledness and tension! How easily can the Christian get worn down and become nervous, anxious and fainthearted. How we need the soothing inward quiet which God promises. There is nothing better for the nervous system than the peace of God in the heart.



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

How do you say thanks for the priceless heritage you have which includes parents worthy of your respect and your abiding love?

Probably the very best way to say thanks during these seasons when we honor our mothers in one month and our fathers in another month is to sit down and remember all the good things you can, beginning with the very earliest times you can remember. It might even be a good idea to write them down, at least the ones that give you the best feelings as you think about them. And when some of the not-so-good ones intrude on your memories, evaluate them and see if they actually are worth being tucked away to pull out again. Chances are, they are not.

If your parents are around to tell them how much positive feeling you were able to bring to surface by remembering, tell them so. If they are not, be grateful, anyway, and tell your

heavenly Father.

The next best way I think of to say thank you is to remember that the name they gave me is their name and, even though I added another name to it when I married, I still bear their name, and every time I write my legal signature, it includes their name. So, being sure that nothing I do brings shame to that name they gave me is a way of saying thank you for my name and all that it means to me.

The greatest gift always includes self. It may not be possible to be in the physical presence of your parents these special days, but everybody can get to a phone. Maybe a gift certificate for a few visits closer together than last year might be a way of saying thanks.

Honoring our parents is scriptural. It is really a way of life we are told to follow. Words, deeds, thoughts — all are ways of honoring.

Life and Work Lesson

The Folly Of Self-Sufficiency

By Bill Duncan, Long Beach, First
Genesis 10:11

After the ark rested on the Armenian plateau, between the Black and Caspian Seas on the north and the Persian Gulf and Mediterranean Sea on the south, and in the region in which all the great rivers of western Asia take their rise, the descendants of Noah began to move in all directions.

The migration did not set out before an unseemly incident revealed the natural character of his sons which was prophetic of their future destinies. Because Ham mocked his father while in a drunken condition, his descendants, the Canaanites, received the curse of servitude.

Shem was declared to be the chosen one of Jehovah from whom the promise of salvation would proceed. Japheth was blessed to multiply and dwell in tents, and to receive and partake of his spiritual privileges.

With their future destinies foretold, the sons of Noah went forth and took up their abode for some time on the rich alluvial plain of Shinar between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Here their descendants began to form a great fraternal community. This was easy to do since they all proceeded from the same parental home, and all had the same language.

The Lord had told them to replenish the whole earth, and they were defying the divine command. It seems that they were resolved to make a city and a huge tower whose top would reach unto heaven to serve as a central point of union for a great world metropolis.

Doubtless the tower had a religious significance. According to all accounts, there were structures peculiar to that region of the earth called ziggurat where religious ceremonies were held. The tower was planned to reach unto heaven, and the kingdom would be built around the tower. The picture presented was a permanent settlement of people.

The plan for the building of the tower was to make a name or public recognition which would unite all people in a kingdom. The purpose was self-exaltation. This was directly opposed to the Kingdom of God. To put "a name for us at the center of religion and the state would set up humanity in the place of the name of the LORD."

Thus they were making it impossible

to be scattered about upon the face of the whole earth. They were proud of their accomplishments, and they felt they were earning their right to be proud.

The biblical account says in narrative form that God came down and observed what was going on. His observation was that the people were going to become more self-sufficient, to their detriment. Again, the problem was sin. Mankind had become more developed than when Cain killed Abel. Now sin was more complex and in a deceptively sophisticated form. However, the sin was still open rebellion.

The judgment of God was the confusion of languages so that men did not

understand one another. The unity of man was shattered by its own sin. The result was estrangement and alienation. This was less suffering than the builders of the city, tower, and fame might have deserved. There was room for hope.

The book of Genesis has tried to show us that man needs God and commits an awful sin when he tries to live without God. Self-sufficiency is indeed foolish. Man needs to express humility and faith in God as the proper response in life to God.

Augustine said that pride is an inordinate self-love. "It has also been understood as man's desire for exaltation or his desire for height — to be

above his fellows."

We may begin something that itself is worthwhile and not notice when we degenerate into pride. It may be only the desire to be famous which is a form of pride, but pride will separate one from God.

The purpose of this lesson is to teach that whenever men are concerned only with their own attempts at fame, those efforts are doomed to failure. God had expected a generation dedicated to goodwill for all mankind. Until men scattered voluntarily (or whatever is His will), He will scatter them by compulsion, employing the diverse means available to Him to achieve His final purposes.

Uniform Lesson

The Gospel Comes To Cornelius

By Hardy Denham, First, Newton
Acts 10:23-48

The Acts relates how the gospel of Christ spread, jumping across racial and geographical barriers. The Lord told His followers to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8). The preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem is reported in Acts 2-7. The ministry of Philip introduced the gospel to Samaria (Acts 8). The first Gentiles to whom the gospel was preached, so far as the Acts is concerned, were those in the house of Cornelius.

Peter's preaching mission in Caesarea was prefaced by a vision (Acts 10:9-16). This vision was designed to prepare him for Cornelius' summons (verse 1-8, 17-22). The lesson for May 21 deals with the vision in the context of Peter's report to the Jerusalem church (Acts 1:1-18). Our study for this Sunday focuses on the events in Cornelius' house.

I. The Desire For The Gospel Verses 23-33

Cornelius summoned Peter to come to Caesarea. Cornelius, a Roman, was "a devout man who feared God" (Acts 10:2). He was a Gentile who had come

to accept the monotheistic faith of the Jews without becoming a Jewish proselyte. In his desire to know the Lord he was given a vision which led him to send three of his servants to Joppa and summons Peter (verses 3-8).

Wanting to know Christ was not enough to bring Cornelius to an experience of saving faith. He had to hear the gospel of Christ. This meant someone was needed to share that message of salvation. There are people like Cornelius in our world. They are eager to find something better, but whether they find Christ or not, is up to believers.

Peter had the vision on the housetop while the messengers from Cornelius were traveling from Caesarea to Joppa (verses 9-17). The vision prepared Peter for the mission to Cornelius. When the preacher arrived at the house in Caesarea, some unusual things happened. First, Peter went into a Gentile's house (verse 25a). This was unthinkable for a Jew! Second, Cornelius, a Roman centurion and man of wealth, knelt before Peter (verse 25b). This was unthinkable for a Roman! Peter had moderated in his Jewish views, and Cornelius honored

Peter as God's messenger sent to him. Cornelius heard Peter's message from God (verse 33). The centurion related how he had been led to summons Peter (verses 30-33a). Then there is one of the grandest statements in the New Testament about hearing God's Word (verse 33a). First, Cornelius had seen to it that his house was full of people waiting to hear God's truth (verses 24, 27). Vance Havner said it is the preacher's responsibility to fill the pulpit and the people's responsibility to fill the pews. Second, Cornelius stated their eagerness to hear. The people have as much responsibility to hear God's word as the preacher has to proclaim it. Third, Cornelius recognized that Peter was God's messenger. Even though a man would speak, the message was from God.

II. The Declaration Of The Gospel Verses 34-43

Peter had to be told to preach (verse 29). In a show of magnanimity, Peter stated that he had done the unusual by entering the house of a Gentile (verse 28a). His unusual conduct was because of the message given in the housetop vision (verse 28b). However, Peter was not sensitive enough to the situa-

tion to realize why he had been sent. Neither did he recognize the depth of the need in the lives of Gentiles. He had to ask why he was summoned (verse 29).

Peter came to recognize that God will accept all men (verses 34-35). When Peter heard Cornelius' statement about the vision he had (verses 30-32), the preacher suddenly realized that God did not play favorites. Peter knew the Lord would save Jews. In Cornelius' house he also came to realize that God would save Gentiles. Men are exclusive in their dealings with each other. They erect barriers which include some while excluding others. The Lord is not like men. There is no exclusiveness with Him. Peter said, "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality" (verse 34). Peter presented Christ to those in Cornelius' house (verses 36-43). Basically, Peter preached the same sermon he presented on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14-39). All he did differently was to omit those statements that would not have been understandable to Gentiles unfamiliar with the Old Testament. Peter presented Christ, affirming His death and resurrection. Then he an-

Revival Results

First Church, Okolona; April 23-28; Sonny Adkins, evangelist; Price Harris, music evangelist; twelve professions of faith; two by letter; over 100 rededications; Roy McHenry, pastor.

Grace Memorial, Tupelo; April 21-28; Hebert Ayers of Temple Grove Church, Nettleton, evangelist; 14 professions of faith; two additions by letter; Joe Holcomb, pastor. (Thirty-five have been baptized at Grace Memorial since October, 1977, and five are awaiting baptism.)

Missionaries On Furlough

Nineteen missionaries are now on furlough in Mississippi. They are:

James and Zelma Foster, Philippines, 104 Maple Drive, Natchez; Bill and Terry Peacock, Korea, 3331 Old Canton Road, Jackson; Bob and Flora Holfield, Italy, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson; Tom and Hazel Barron, Indonesia, 921 Jackson Ave., Columbia; Major and June McDaniel, Korea, 818 Main St., Natchez;

James and Charlotte Watts, Italy, 100 Georgia Ave., Hattiesburg; James and Dorothy Gilbert, Ecuador, 220 Edgewood Terrace, Apt. E11, Jackson; John and Elizabeth Merritt, Germany, Univ. of So. Miss., Southern Station, Box 1725, Hattiesburg; Russell and Annette Herrington, Costa Rica, 520 Magazine St., Tupelo.

nounced salvation for "every one who believes in Him and receives forgiveness of sins through His name" (verse 43).

Those last words are what the Gentiles in Cornelius' house were waiting to hear. They were told how to be saved, and they immediately put faith in Christ and were saved. The Holy Spirit came into the lives of Gentiles, thus their conversion was confirmed (verse 44). On the basis of their conversion, Peter baptized the Gentiles (verse 47-48).

The gospel of Christ has universal application. It is to be shared with all men and the Lord will respond in grace to any man who will trust Christ. Even as the gospel came to Cornelius, it is to go to all the world.